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SUBJ: RHODESIA: MEETING WITH PATRIOTIC FRONT

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SHORTLY AFTER MWALE CALL (REFTEL A), UNDERSECRETARY ZIMBA CALLED ON INSTRUCTION FROM MWALE TO CONFIRM TO ME THAT NKOMO HAD AGREED TO MALTA II IN DAR ON APRIL 15-16. ASKED ABOUT THE APPARENT DISCREPANCY BETWEEN WHAT NKOMO WAS TELLING THE BRITISH AND WHAT I HAD BEEN TOLD BY MWALE ON DATES, ZIMBA SAID CATEGORICALLY THAT NKOMO HAD AGREED TO MEET IN DAR ON APRIL 15-16. HE SAID HE SHOULD KNOW SINCE HE HAD BEEN IN THE MEETINGS CONFIDENTIAL

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WITH NKOMO; FURTHER, ZAMBIA WAS TO PROVIDE NKOMO TRANSPORT AND WE COULD REST ASSURED THAT GRZ WOULD DELIVER HIM FOR APRIL 15 MEETING. IN CLOSING ZIMBA PROMISED THAT HE WOULD CALL ME MONDAY, APRIL 10 IF THERE WAS ANY SLIPPAGE ON THE APRIL 15-16 DATES.

NKOMO'S HOLDING TO THE PARIL 15-16 TIMING TAKES ON CONSIDERABLE

IMPORTANCE GIVEN REPORT RECEIVED BY BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION HERE FROM ITS MISSION IN MAPUTO. THIS REPORT HAS IT THAT MUGABE IS INSISTING ON STICKING TO THE LETTER OF AGREEMENT AS ARRIVED AT IN LAGOS. REPORTEDLY HE TOLD THE BRITISH IN MAPUTO THAT HE HAD AGREED TO A MEETING ON APRIL 15-16 AND IS NOT PREPARED TO AGREE TO APRIL 14 TO ACCOMMODATE NKOMO. CLINGEBMAN

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